

## **COA MINUTES MARCH 15, 2019**

**Present:** Carol Pike, Ted Thornton, Judie Tate, Tony Stavely, Frank Froment, Jim Whitcomb, Linda Hescok, Heather Tower, Guest: Betty Whitcomb

**Absent:** Gina Froment, Bill McGee, Sue McGowan, Randy Foster

Meeting was called to order by vice Chair Carol Pike at 9:06 A.M.

**February 2019 minutes:** Ted moved and Judie seconded to accept the Feb. minutes as presented. Motion passed.

### **Director's Report**

**Financial:** The balance of the formula grant for our yoga program will be used next month and we will switch to the TIII monies. The food budget is in good shape. There were no disbursements from the Revolving account this month.

**Activities:** Our van ridership numbers are up in some areas, but our bridge numbers are down. On March 22, at 9am, the "This is Your Town" breakfast will feature speakers from Thomas Aquinas and The Moody Center sharing the plans moving ahead on the Northfield campus. We will be hosting the biannual Board Training from Elder Affairs on March 29 from 9-12. Eight COA boards have been invited. We're launching our Interactive Programming with The International Spy Museum on March 28 at 1:00.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Legislative:** Ted and Heather brought to our attention the agenda from the Four-Town Selectboard/Finance committee which has an item suggesting the towns of Bernardston & Northfield should share one senior Center Director. Linda moved and Frank seconded the request for Ted to draft a letter to the committee voicing our disapproval of sharing a director.

**Nominating:** Betty Whitcomb was nominated to fill Laura Robinson's term. Tony moved and Judie seconded to invite Betty to join the board. It passed.

**Membership:** Betty's orientation will be scheduled after Selectboard approval.

**Neighbors at Home:** There will be a meeting at NES for all potential volunteers at 9:00 March 30, and a full membership drive in early June.